1 [Declaring September 2006 as Reentry Month]

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3 **Resolution declaring the month of September 2006 as Reentry month in the City and**

4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The California Department of Corrections housed 162,064 inmates in

7 1999, the largest prison population in the nation and four times the amount since 1980; and

8 WHEREAS, The number of prisoners leaving California prisons has skyrocketd in

9 recent years from 14,620 in 1978 to 50,832 in 1988, and 124,697 in 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2000, approximates 125,000 felons left prison, 6,000 youth prisoners

11 were paroled from the California Youth Authority, and more than 200,000 inmates left

12 California county jails; and

13 WHEREAS, Of the 500,000 parolees who leave U.S. prisons annually, 17.2% live in

14 California; and

15 WHEREAS, Only one in every 10 parolees access services available through a

16 corrections program and only 6 percent in employment programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Half of parolees are illiterate, only 10 percent access literacy services, and

18 many have long histories of criminal or gang involvement and little marketable skills; and

19 WHEREAS, Currently, more than 75 percent of California adult parolees return to

20 prison; and

21 WHEREAS, Most parolees have been released to parole systems that provide little

22 services, which ensures that the recidivism rates remain high and public support for parolee

23 and inmate services remains low; and

24 WHEREAS, 65 percent of 115,000 parolees have drug problems only 6 percent receive

25 services; and

1   WHEREAS, Researchers estimate that 20 of homeless adults have a criminal record;

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3   WHEREAS, In 2004 58,725 parole felons were sent back to prison, and only 1 in every

4   5 complete his or her parole term; and

5   WHEREAS, California spending on parole services was cut 44% in 1997, resulting in a

6   near-doubling of parole caseloads to a ratio of 82 parolees for each parole officer; and

7   WHEREAS, At a time when San Francisco is experiencing an epidemic of violence,

8   ensuring that parolees are supported and prepared to reenter society is crucial to restoring

9   peace on our streets; and

10   WHEREAS, A broad coalition of public officials including the Public Defender, District

11   Attorney, Sheriff, and the Board of Supervisors have come together with city and state

12   departments and community-based organizations to form the San Francisco Safe

13   Communities Reentry Council; and

14   WHEREAS, The goal of the San Francisco Safe Communities Reentry Council is to

15   promote the safe and successful return of formerly incarcerated individuals to the community

16   and develop a comprehensive support system to reduce recidivism and promotes public

17   safety; and

18   WHEREAS, The San Francisco Safe Communities Reentry Council is holding a

19   summit titled "Making Rehabilitation Work: Creating Opportunities for Formerly Incarcerated

20   Individuals" on September 27, 2006 to build bridges and to the community and craft a

21   comprehensive plan for reentry for San Francisco parolees; and

22   RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

23   declares September 2006 as "Reentry Month" in the City and County of San Francisco.

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September 26, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 26, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

10/4/06
Date Approved

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Mayor Gavin Newsom